

# STARTER GUIDE

## FINDING PEACE THROUGH HUMILITY

### A BIBLE STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES

#### WELCOME!

Let's begin an unforgettable experience with theologian and pastor Joel Muddamalle as he takes us on a journey to find true security, strength, and confidence through humility.

Where is our allegiance? To counterfeit helpers who provide no help at all or will we bend your knee in humility to our Creator and King?

Humility enables each of us to be led by the Scriptures and makes us aware when we get distracted and start to go places that we should not go.

This guide will walk through the various ways to use this Bible study and all the tools available.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

## Guides + Samples

The Starter Guide is what you are reading right now that explores using the tools and Bible study.

The Judges sermon outline that you or your pastor can use to kick off groups walking through Finding Peace Through Humility or build from to teach through the whole book of Judges while groups dive deeper into the book.

Samples of the Bible Study Guide (Look Inside + LG) and corresponding book (The Hidden Peace) are also included.

## Infographics

The infographics are unrelated to this particular study but provided as tips for group leaders, especially newer leaders as they take the step to help facilitate the work of the Spirit during their time together. Included are:

- 3 Steps for Bible Study
- 5 Tips for Facilitating Groups
- 6 Ways to Develop Group Safety
- 7 Benefits of Groups
- 10 Participant Responsibilities

## Communication Tools

Use the Communication tools and graphics to let people both in your congregation and community that some or all of your small groups are studying Finding Peace Through Humility.

Use the graphics to spread the word through your church's email, social media, and website and the info sheet to communicate the message of the study.

The Group leader text images are questions from each of the sessions that leaders can send out via text to members to remind them about and get them thinking about the next meeting.



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“God’s Word is a compass for our lives that always points us toward Jesus”



Scan this QR Code to watch a free bonus session from Finding Peace Through Humility on YouTube.

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# IMPLEMENTING FINDING PEACE THROUGH HUMILITY BIBLE STUDY WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP MINISTRY



## 1. Establish Vision and Unity (90 days before launch)

- Present an overview of the Finding Peace Through Humility campaign and message to your leaders and staff to gain vision and unity. The resources found along with this Starter Guide will help you with this.
- Decide what fits your church calendar, whether you want to unify your entire congregation with one message using the sermon or keep the focus on your small group ministry.
- Develop a strategy to announce the study to your congregation and the surrounding community. A preaching series and small group study like this is especially effective for those times of the year when you would like to reach out to your community through a special series. The resources along with this Starter Guide will help you with this.

## 2. Announce and Organize (60 days before launch)

- Recruit a prayer team to pray for the campaign.
  - Pray for unity, spiritual growth, and victory over the enemy.
  - Pray that your congregation develops lasting relationships and for community members who will join your congregation during this time.
- Meet with group leaders and/or Sunday School teachers for orientation.
  - Set anxious minds at ease. Group leaders are functioning as hosts and facilitators. They can need only focus on keeping the conversation going. All the questions and prompts for group discussion are in the Finding Peace Through Humility study guide.
  - There are downloadable resources that came with this Starter Guide that can help new or anxious leaders.



- Order Finding Peace Through Humility resources at your local bookstore, online, or through ChurchSource.com. Bulk order information through ChurchSource is available on the next page. Every small group needs access to the video teaching from Joel, which is included as streaming video as part of the study guide (DVDs are also available), each individual needs their own study guide, and one The Hidden Peace book is recommended for every person or couple.
- Begin an announcement campaign using the resources mentioned above.
  - Put together a page or a post on your website where people can learn about the Finding Peace Through Humility message and sign-up for a small group, if they are not already part of one.
  - Utilize the bulletin inserts, PowerPoint slide, website graphics, and printable poster to alert people in your church.

### 3. Fine-Tune (30 days to launch)

- Plan a sign-up Sunday for registration of new groups and classes. Provide a brief introduction to the six-week study.
- Make sure that Finding Peace Through Humility resources are available at a resource table or through your church bookstore.
- Ensure you have enough hosts and leaders so groups can be in the 8-10 person range.



**The Finding Peace Through Humility video study includes six video teaching sessions from Dr. Joel Muddamalle and a study guide that guides participants through each session with video notes, discussion questions, and additional Bible study for use in a group or individually.**



# Bulk Purchasing Options for Speaking Events, Conferences, and Churches

ChurchSource helps churches, ministries, and conferences purchase ***Finding Peace Through Humility*** resources at publisher-direct bulk discounts.

## Two Ways to Save

1. Bulk discounts available anytime on ChurchSource.com

How it works:

- Click the product links below.
- Once redirected to the product page simply choose your quantity. In your cart you'll automatically see the discount based on the quantity you entered for each product.
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### [Finding Peace Through Humility](#) [Bible Study](#) \*

Quantity	Price per unit	Savings
1-9	<del>\$21.99</del> <b>\$15.39</b>	30%
10-49	<del>\$21.99</del> <b>\$14.29</b>	35%
50-99	<del>\$21.99</del> <b>\$13.19</b>	40%
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### [The Hidden Peace](#) [\(Book\)](#)

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50-99	<del>\$19.99</del> <b>\$11.99</b>	40%
100-249	<del>\$19.99</del> <b>\$11.39</b>	43%
250+	<del>\$19.99</del> <b>\$10.99</b>	45%

Prices valid as of January 1, 2024. Prices, promotions, and free shipping minimums are subject to change without notice.

\* The Bible Study Guide contains a streaming video access code for all the video sessions on the inside front cover making it even easier for everyone to experience the Bible study!

**2. Want a sweeter deal?** Connect with Eric Moreno to find out even more convenient ways ChurchSource can help you stock up on this material! Send Eric a note at [eric@churchsource.com](mailto:eric@churchsource.com)

Talk to Eric about:

- Mix and match any 50 copies of the *Finding Peace Through Humility* Bible study and or *The Hidden Peace* book and save 50%. Larger orders save even more!
- Free ground freight
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- 30 days to pay (pending credit approval)

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# 3 TIPS FOR STARTING A CHURCH SMALL GROUP THAT WORKS

Have you ever been a member of a church small group that never really gelled – where the group members weren't sharing at the same level, or had different agendas, or weren't all that committed to the group? Before you start inviting people to join your Bible study, here are three tips to help you set the stage for a successful group.

## **Tip #1: Decide your church small group's purpose.**

Do you want to start a small group that creates a safe space for people to talk about faith questions? That would be an evangelistic group. Do you want to connect with others who are experiencing the same stage in life or the same issue as you? That would be a fellowship group, or a support group. Do you want to grow in Christ with other like-minded people? That would be a discipleship group.

## **Tip #2: Choose your church small group's plan of study.**

Find a Bible study that suits the purpose of your small group. If you're an evangelistic group, choose a study that invites questions or that gets the group taking action together and serving your community—unchurched people are often drawn to groups that are making a difference. If you're a fellowship or support group, find a study that addresses a specific topic, such as relationships or healing, and offers between-sessions options for further reflection on your own—and application to your life. If you're a discipleship group, you might want to engage in a study on a book or person of the Bible, and you might be looking for more involved study and digging into the Word on your own between sessions.

## **Tip #3: Give informative invitations to your people.**

When you're inviting people to join your small group, it's important to communicate your what, when, where, who, and why. The more informative you are, the more uncertainty you remove for people and the more comfortable they will be about committing to group.

Be sure to tell them **WHAT** study you are doing, **WHEN** you'll meet (day and time, and for how many weeks, so they know what kind of commitment is expected from them), **WHERE** you're meeting, **WHO** else you're inviting (and if they can invite a friend), and **WHY** you're starting this group (this gets back to your purpose—you want to let people know what you're trying to accomplish with this group so they can buy-in before your first meeting).